



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

"On a voyage of discovery: together we learn, grow and achieve"

10th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week packed with enrichment activities across the school. On Wednesday we had a Geodesic Dome challenge all day in the school hall. The workshop tied in with our maths and technology curriculum including the origins of the dome, properties of shapes, testing and evaluating the strength of structures, measuring and calculating. The children had to demonstrate teamwork, design, practical dexterity, communication and decision making skills whilst still having lots of fun! The winning team was James M, Sunny, Katie S and Isabel and they will compete against other schools in Kent next month. Ruby in Rother class wrote "What I enjoyed about the Dome Challenge was that we all worked together as a team and everyone gave each other a turn. What I have learnt is that you can build complicated things and that teamwork actually does get you somewhere!"



Rother went on the Diocese Cathedral Day in Canterbury yesterday where the school banner with its hand stitched Christian Values was commented on very positively and James M and Ruby were chosen to lead a reading on behalf of the school.




This afternoon was the first time for our new Reading Buddies programme where Year 6 read with our Reception and Year 1 pupils. It was such a pleasure to witness and brought out reading skills and confidence in all ages.

Our thanks go once again to Reverend Judy and The Royal British Legion for coming into school this morning and leading a poignant Remembrance Service. The children benefit greatly from having these wonderful visitors who are also kind enough to stay behind and answer a varied range of questions from the children! Especially impressive were the Windmill class who behaved with great respect and stood beautifully for the two minutes silence with the rest of the school.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Claire Frost (headteacher)



Attendance cup last week went to:
ROTHER with 98.6% Attendance—
WELL DONE ROTHER CLASS!

Thank you for such an amazing show of support this week at the School Disco. We had over 100 pupils attend and they all seemed to be enjoying themselves the last time we looked! I would also like to say, the behaviour and manners of the children on the day was exceptional - as parents and carers, you should be very proud of them. These events rely on a lot of help, so a big thank you, should go out to the team who volunteered to plan and support the disco. These events would not happen without you!

The school **Mufti day** is the **21st November**. We are asking for **teddies, sweets in jars, little prizes for the tombola and wine**. These will be in place of the normal donation. Yes, there will be some grown up prizes too!

On another note, a massive congratulations goes to Georgie, who became a Granny this week!

Have a great weekend everyone and take care.

Kate



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- WIND IN THE WILLOWS** Monday 20th November
- THEATRE PRODUCTION—WHOLE SCHOOL**
- DUNGENESS TRIP —OXNEY** Thursday 23rd November
- INSET DAY** Friday 24th November
- NEW PARENTS' OPEN DAY** Mon 27th Nov. 1.30-2.30pm
- FLU VACCINE—YR/1/2/3/4** Monday 4th December
- WINDMILL/SMUGGLERS** 5th / 6th December
- KS1 PLAY** More info to follow
- KENT LIFE TRIP** Tuesday 12th December
- OXNEY/VIKING**
- CHRISTMAS LUNCH** Wednesday 13th December
- CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** Friday 15th December
- KS1 INTER-HOUSE AGILITY** Friday 15th December pm
- COMPETITION**
- CAROL SERVICE/NATIVITY** Tuesday 19th December
- INSET DAY** Wednesday 20th December

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If there's just one spotacular thing you do this Appeal, why not help Pudsey round up all those old round pound coins?

We reckon there are plenty still to be found. Even though you can't spend them anymore, you can make them count by sending them in to BBC Children in Need, where we'll cash them in to change young lives.



Always remember that not everything you find on the internet is reliable. Check more than one source of information, before believing what you are reading.

Tidiest Cloakroom Award:
WINDMILL

SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday 8th November the following three children from year five and six competed in the ALT Volleyball tournament at the North School, Alfie, James M and Sunny. As teams are made up of four players we were kindly donated a player from all the other teams we competed against. In total, they played five matches, winning three and losing two, with a top score of 9 – 0 against Brook. It was a very good performance all round, with some excellent serving from Alfie.



Our monthly church collective worship takes place next week, on Monday 13th November at the start of our school day. All parents and carers are welcome to join us.

CAKE RAFFLE

The next cake raffle will take place on Friday 17th November—NEXT WEEK! The prize this month is a Toffee Apple cake. Tickets will be on sale after school on Thursday 16th and before school on Friday 17th.



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2018 or know of someone who has? For information on how to apply online you can view the booklet from www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmission website.

You can apply online at: www.kent.gov.uk/ola . Please get in touch with the school office if you have any queries.



Reading Buddies



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